

REMARKS

The present amendment is prepared in accordance with the new revised requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.121. A complete listing of all the claims in the application is shown above showing the status of each claim. For current amendments, inserted material is underlined and deleted material has a line therethrough.

Applicants appreciate the thoroughness with which the Examiner has examined the above-identified application. Reconsideration is requested in view of the amendments above and the remarks below.

Claims 1-17 are pending in the application. Claims 1-15 have been rejected and claims 16 and 17 have been allowed.

Claims 1-15 have been canceled and it is respectfully submitted that the rejection to these claims is now moot.

Regarding allowed claims 16 and 17, these claims have been amended to specifically identify that the water jet cutting element provides a water jet which water jet severs the solder connections. Further, claims 18-21 have been added to further define the water jet as having a pressure of about 20,000-60,000 psi and a thickness of about 0.002-0.040 inch. Basis for the amendments made be found, for example, in the paragraph bridging pages 10 and 11.

It is respectfully submitted that the application has now been brought into a condition where allowance of the case is proper. Reconsideration and issuance of a Notice of Allowance are respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner not find the claims to be allowable, Applicants' attorney respectfully requests that the Examiner call the undersigned to clarify any issue and/or to place the case in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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